

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

CANADIAN WRITERS AT WORK.

WILLIAM McLENNAN'S "Spanish John," which has just completed its serial course in Harper's, is to be followed by a longer story written in collaboration with Jean McIlraith, the scene of which is laid in Quebec.

Dr. W. H. Drummond's volume of verse in French-Canadian dialect, illustrated by a native artist, F. S. Coburn, and brought out by Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons, is having a large advance sale, and it is rumored that the author purposes going to London to arrange for an English edition.

J. Macdonald Oxley, of Montreal, is justly famous for the production of healthy fiction for young people. Like Henty, Ballantyne, Kingston and others, he has made this department his own. Mr. Oxley's "In the Swing of the Sea," concluding as a serial in Our Young People, of Philadelphia, has just been published in book form by Nisbet, of London, and been most warmly received, while "On the World's Roof" is having a good sale in the United States. A twelve-part serial, "From Rung to Rung," by the same author, will begin with the new volume of The Classmate, of New York, in January, and the English rights have been purchased by the Methodist Book Concern, of London. The Religious Tract Society, of London, will shortly issue another story by Mr. Oxley, entitled "Standing the Test," and he is now engaged upon a long story dealing with gold mining in British Columbia.

The Nineteenth Century has accepted for immediate publication an article from the pen of Lieut.-Col. G. T. Denison, president of the British Empire League in Canada. It deals with the military and commercial stability of Great Britain as viewed by a Canadian.

Early in 1898 the second volume of reviews of Canadian books edited by Prof. Wrong, of Toronto University, will appear. The contributors will be Canadians.

The first volume of Mr. Castell Hopkins' Canadian Encyclopedia will appear about the last week in December. The articles are by a number of well-known Canadians, and the editor supplements them by copious notes of his own. The work is illustrated and is, we understand, to be very fully indexed.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

The Standard Publishing Co., Toronto, have this year an excellent range of annuals,

calendars, Christmas cards and holiday books, text cards, etc., in all sizes, styles and prices.

A STRIKE THAT AFFECTS BOOKS.

The "machine men" in the Edinburgh printing houses have been on strike for several weeks. This has interfered with several publications, and a number of books have been delayed.

THE DRYSDALE PUBLISHING FIRM.

The William Drysdale Co., Montreal, is going more extensively into publishing than heretofore. When the new company gets its charter from the Quebec Legislature the trade may expect to see a good many books issued by the company, or handled by them in Canada.

One of the latest scientific books of which Mr. Drysdale has acquired the control for Canada is a work on gynecology by a McGill professor, Dr. J. Clarence Webster, which is being issued by an Edinburgh house. The work is a scientific one, and is an admirable treatise on the diseases of women. It retails at \$4.

HUGHES' INTEREST TABLES.

Hughes' Interest Tables and Book of Days Combined will be on the market in a few days. It was intended to have it ready a month or so ago, and such was announced in these columns when a description of the book appeared. Unavoidable delays, however, kept back publication at that time. Messrs Morton, Phillips & Co., Montreal, announce that nearly all the banks have subscribed for several copies each, and the advance sheets have been much commended by experts in this line.

BANK INTEREST CARDS

A new bank interest card has just been issued from the press of Messrs. Morton, Phillips & Co., of Montreal. Mr. Charles M. C. Hughes, of the head office of the Bank of Montreal, arranged the figures. This card is something new. Those banks which had not up to a few weeks ago computed interest by the month and not by the day have desired to do so. These tables are reckoned on this plan. The tables for 3 per cent. and 3½ per cent. are already on the market and those for 2½ per cent. and 4 per cent. are in course of preparation. The price for one of these cards is \$1.

MARK TWAIN'S NEW BOOK IN CANADA.

After two years of careful and hard work, Mark Twain has completed his new book, and it is now on the market. The title, "Following the Equator," represents well

the subject matter of the book. It is a book of travel, a record of a trip round the world. And yet it differs from the ordinary book of this kind, and on that account is more enjoyable and will have all the better sale.

Several critics who have had the good fortune to see the proofs have declared that in this book Mark Twain is at his best. The author's opinion coincides with this. Here is what he says of it in a letter to a friend, before he had completed the work:

"I wouldn't trade it for any book I have ever written, and I am not an easy person to please." Referring in a recent interview to his new book, he says: "Regarding my forthcoming book of travels, the story of my journey around the world, everybody has done his little circumnavigation act, and I thought it about time I did mine; so I have been getting it ready, and it is just my impressions of the world at large; I go into no details. I never do, for that matter. Details are not my strong point, unless I chose for my own pleasure to go into them seriously. Besides, I am under no contract to supply details to the reader. All that I undertake to do is to interest him. If I instruct him, that is his fate. He is that much ahead."

The Wm. Drysdale Co., the Canadian agents, inform BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER that this book will be sold only by subscription. It sells for from \$3.50 to \$6, according to binding.

A SECOND EDITION.

It is gratifying to a Canadian author to have a second edition in Canada, and it bodes well for the future in the Canadian literary world. "Camp and Lamp," by G. Matthewson Baylis, has been selling so well that Wm. Drysdale & Co., of Montreal, are making preparations for a second edition of this book.

MISSIONARY SOUVENIR ALBUM.

A rather notable missionary souvenir is being issued by the Standard Publishing Co., Toronto, which will be valued by members of the Baptist Church all over Canada. It contains photogravures of the church's missionaries to India, both those living and those deceased. It is a tasteful little booklet bound with a tassel and cord and with a white mottled stiff paper cover.

CANADIAN YEAR BOOKS.

The Catholic Almanac for 1898 contains a vast amount of information of special interest to Catholics. The calendar is a work of art in itself and contains much interesting information. The contents embrace the clergy list, religious orders and Catholic societies, and some well-written articles and stories, including a sketch (and portrait) of